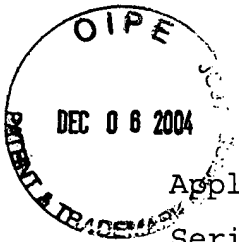


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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to a Restriction Requirement of the hereinabove referenced U.S. Patent Application mailed November 30, 2004, the Applicants respond as follows.

Apparently, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has lost the preliminary amendment submitted with this application and received by the Patent Office as indicated by the attached postcard.

A copy of this amendment is enclosed herewith which cancels group 2 claims 15-19, 21 and 22.